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**VIA EMAIL**

February 2, 2018

Mr. Trent Allen  
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**RE:** Notice of Potential Leak of HFPO Dimer Acid  
NPDES Permit No. NC0003573  
Chemours Company-Fayetteville Works  
Bladen County

Dear Trent Allen:

The Chemours Company FC, LLC ("Chemours") hereby notifies the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") of a spill that was contained on the asphalt/concrete at the Fayetteville Works on February 1, 2018 that may have involved a small quantity of HFPO Dimer Acid. As explained further below, Chemours is making this report (i) even though the incident did not result in the exceedance of any applicable reportable quantity, (ii) even though reporting is not required by any applicable permit or regulation, but (iii) in the interests of cooperation and transparency given DEQ's ongoing focus on the handling of HFPO Dimer Acid at the Fayetteville Works. In that regard, Chemours conservatively estimates that the total mass of HFPO Dimer Acid that may have been included in the water spilled was approximately 0.00006 pounds to the asphalt/concrete.

Please find below a summary of the incident, the remedial steps undertaken, and an explanation of the estimated quantity of the leak. Please note that Chemours continues to investigate this incident and will supplement or revise this notice as necessary. Chemours also recommends that DEQ and Chemours discuss further reasonable parameters around reporting leaks or spills that involve (or may involve) HFPO Dimer Acid and its chemical precursors given the absence of any applicable regulatory or permit guidance on reporting such leaks.

### Summary of Leak

On February 1, 2018, a tank trailer was being loaded with waste water from the Diversion Tank, which is outside of the loading area. The waste water contractor was preparing to connect the loading hose from the Diversion tank to the truck for shipment, ~ 1 gallon of waste water (pH 10) came out of the end of the hose. The waste water spilled onto the concrete and asphalt where the trucks are loaded. None of the material reached the soil, rocks or storm drain. Caustic neutralizer (Spill-X) and absorbent pads were used to clean up the spill and waste pads placed in a drum for disposal.

### Summary of Remedial Steps Undertaken

Within a minute of the spill, Spill-X and absorbent pads were used to get up residual material off the asphalt/concrete. The area was then rinsed again with the contractor vacuuming up the rinsate, reducing the possible effect of residual material reaching public waters.

Additional actions taken include:

- In addition to ensuring hose is empty prior to connecting the hose to the truck, ensure personnel loading the trailers hold up the end of the hose until it is connected to the truck.

### Estimate of Amount of HFPO Dimer Acid in the Leak

Based on visual observation, facility personnel estimated the total volume of spilled material onto the concrete at no more than 1 gallon (8.34 pounds). Because the hose could have contained wastewater from any and all of the processes, the highest value ever measured back in July 2017 in the Nafion® Composite Sampler was used to calculate the potential amount of HFPO Dimer Acid that may have been included in the spilled water. Using that calculation methodology, the mass of HFPO Dimer Acid that may have been included in the water that spilled to the asphalt/concrete would have been approximately 0.00006 pounds.

As noted, Chemours took prompt action to capture and contain the spilled material, reducing the chance that any HFPO Dimer Acid present in the spilled water would reach public waters.

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Chemours continues to investigate this incident and will supplement or revise this notice as necessary. In addition, Chemours continues to provide DEQ the results of Chemours' recurring Outfall 002 sampling. Please note that, during the next rain event, it may be difficult to estimate the extent (if any) that this spill may influence the

forthcoming Outfall 002 sample results, as opposed to the fluctuations in Outfall 002 sample results Chemours has observed (and shared with DEQ) during other rain events.

If you have any questions or request additional information, please contact me at [christel.e.compton@chemours.com](mailto:christel.e.compton@chemours.com) or (910) 678-1213.

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